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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on July 7, 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 6, 7, 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4, 5, 8 and 9 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/22)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date July 7, 2010

DETAILED ACTION

Receipt is acknowledged of amendment filed on July 7, 2010. Claims 1-10 are pending.

Previous claim rejection made under 35 U.S.C. § 103 (a) are withdrawn in view of claim amendment made by applicant. Allowable subject matter is indicated as following, and new rejections have been made in this Office action.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 4, 5, 8, 9 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Ito et al. (JP02048038 A).

Ito discloses metal oxide/polymer complex powder obtained by depositing a polymerization initiator on the surface of the powder suspension; a vinyl monomer such as styrene is added to the suspension and polymerized to coat the surface. The reference teaches the size of the metal oxide powder ranges from about 1 micron-10 micron, meeting the instant claim limitation.

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yoshinaga et al. (JP 05-287213).

Yoshinaga discloses colloidal inorganic oxide particles obtained by introducing a radical polymerization initiator and modified with a linear polymer. Working example 5 discloses a titanium silica alumina multiple oxide colloidal particle having a mean particle diameter of 220 nm which is combined with 2,2'-azobis (2-aminopropane) dihydrochloride and acrylic acid to produce a titania silica alumina multiple oxide particle coated with sodium allylsulfonate-polyacrylic acid. The application of such inorganic oxide colloidal particle in cosmetic is taught. See translation, [0043].

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Suzuki et al. (JP 06336558 A).

Suzuki discloses cosmetic having a treated powder of good and stability dispersibility. The reference teaches the surface of the powder of treated with a silane coupling agent having a radical polymerizable group and polymerizing the radical-polymerizable group with one or more radical-polymerizable monomers to form a polymer layer on the surface of the powder. The reference teaches the use of a perfluorinated, polymerizable monomer in the radical polymerization imparts water- and oil-repellency to the treated powder.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-10 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

Claims 1-3, 6, 7, 10 are rejected.

Claims 4, 5, 8 and 9 are objected to.

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to GINA C. YU whose telephone number is (571)272-8605. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday, from 8:00AM until 6:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sharmila Landau can be reached on 571-272-0614. The

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fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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